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In re Application of:  
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For: A BUFFER COMPOSITION  
AND METHOD FOR  
HYBRIDIZATION OF  
MICROARRAYS ON  
ADSORBED POLYMER  
SILICEOUS SURFACES

Examiner: Arun K. Chakrabarti

OFFICIAL RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

A Final Office Action mailed March 11, 2003 was received for the above-referenced patent application. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in light of the Remarks below. A Certificate of Transmission via facsimile is provided on the last page of this document.